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WASHINGTON, October 28, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 23 totaled an estimated 15.1 billion ton-miles, 19.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 662.1 billion ton-miles, 13.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 23 totaled 358,162 cars, 18.5 percent below 1981, but 1.9 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 21.8 percent in the East, 18.2 percent in the South, and 16.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Fifteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 16 totaled 40,587 cars, up 12.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 71,152 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 1,535,320 cars, 9.3 percent higher than last year, and 2,701,846 trailers and/or containers, up 6.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/23/82:

	Loadings in Week ended October 23, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,048	D	1,146	4.5	I	3,822	18.9
Other farm products	4,738	D	1,591	25.1	I	187	4.1
Metallic ores	11,950	D	19,312	61.8	D	1,465	10.9
Coal	110,865	D	24,044	17.8	D	2,575	2.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,492	D	3,152	24.9	I	129	1.4
Nonmetallic minerals	9,440	D	1,769	15.8	D	533	5.3
Grain mill products	12,480	D	1,880	13.1	I	506	4.2
Food and kindred products	13,476	D	1,613	10.7	D	43	0.3
Primary forest products	14,649	D	3,318	18.5	I	1,140	8.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,346	I	112	1.8	I	285	4.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,741	D	2,402	13.2	I	688	13.6
Chemicals and allied products	20,294	D	4,521	18.2	D	492	2.4
Petroleum products	4,722	D	546	10.4	I	184	4.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,216	D	2,420	19.2	I	230	2.3
Coke	4,170	D	2,210	34.6	D	506	10.8
Metals and products	7,040	D	7,441	51.4	I	510	7.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,124	D	1,763	11.1	I	1,000	7.6
Waste and scrap materials	7,850	D	2,910	27.0	I	352	4.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,035	D	2,184	21.4	I	39	0.5
All other carloads	48,304	I	2,866	6.3	I	3,155	7.0
LCL traffic	182	D	73	28.6	I	24	15.2
Total Cars Loaded	358,162	D	81,317	18.5	I	6,637	1.9
Corresponding week of 1981	439,479						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (43 weeks)	15,566,337	18,130,119	D 14.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
42 Weeks cumulative	646.9	743.3	D 13.0
Week ended October 23	15.1	18.9	D 19.9
43 Weeks cumulative	662.1	762.2	D 13.1

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